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**NEW JERSEY MAN SENTENCED FOR
INTERNET SOLICITATION OF A MINOR FOR SEX**

Baltimore, Maryland – United States Attorney Thomas M. DiBiagio announced today that United States District Judge Marvin J. Garbis sentenced Donald Taylor, Jr., age 47, of Camden, New Jersey to 27 months in prison followed by 1 year of supervised release for solicitation through the internet of a minor for sex.

Taylor was indicted on February 13, 2003 by a federal grand jury and pleaded guilty on September 30, 2003 to using a means of interstate commerce to attempt to persuade, induce, entice and coerce a minor to engage in sexual activity. According to the statement of facts presented to the court, from October 5, 1999 to October 30, 1999, Taylor, using the screen name “DTHAMBONE,” participated in email messages and online internet conversations with undercover Maryland State Police troopers, using the screen name ”STEFADIDAS,” posing as a 15 year old female. During the first online chat, Taylor quickly turned the conversation to the topic of sexual activity and asked “STEFADIDAS” if she wanted to “meet some day.” Taylor emailed to “STEFADIDAS” a sexually explicit cartoon of the Charles Schultz characters involved in group sex. On October 28, 1999 arrangements were made via the internet for Taylor to travel the next day from

his home in Camden, New Jersey to Pizza Hut in Frederick, Maryland for the purpose of having sexual intercourse with ‘STEFADIDAS.’ Maryland State Police officers arrested Taylor in the parking lot of the Pizza Hut on October 29, 1999. Taylor admitted that he had gotten a motel room after arriving in Maryland. Pursuant to a search and seizure warrant at Taylor’s Camden residence, copies of email communications between “DTHAMBONE” and “STEFADIDAS” were found in Taylor’s computer.

This case was investigated by the Maryland State Police Computer Crimes Unit with assistance from the New Jersey State Police High Technology Crimes Unit and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Norman.